

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MATTSSON et al.
Appl. No.: New Group:
Filed: November 29, 2000 Examiner:
For: A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING
IMPERSONATION OF A DATABASE USER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 29, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2"

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependent claims and to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

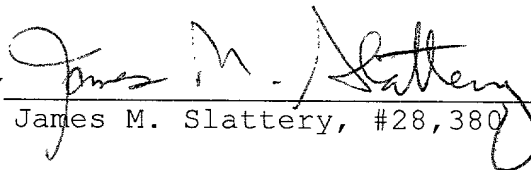
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James M. Slattery (Reg. 28,380) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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